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PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THE LAMANITES*

I SENSE very keenly, my brethren and sisters, my weakness in standing before you this afternoon, and I sincerely pray that the Spirit of the Lord will guide and assist me in the few remarks I shall make to you upon this occasion. Truly, this is a wonderful occasion, and this is a wonderful sight to look upon the thousands of faces of Latter-day Saints who are gathered, who have come for the one purpose of being built up in their faith, testimonies, and knowledge of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I come to you, my brethren and sisters, as one of those whom Elder Talmage has been speaking about, who are engaged in missionary work among our Father's children who are yet in darkness and who have not yet a knowledge of the saving principles of the Gospel restored in this day and age in which we live. I thank the Lord, from the bottom of my heart, that I have been deemed worthy of this call, and the greatest desire of my life is to continue to labour zealously in the Lord's work, in the service of His children, with a desire to bring a knowledge of Him to as many as may be of those children who are now in the world hungering and thirsting for the word of the Lord; for truly that prophetic utterance of Amos the Prophet is in this day being fulfiled. Men are going to and fro upon the earth seeking for the word of the Lord, and, in many instances, have not been able to find it.

I bring to you a message from the mission in Mexico, and I rejoice to say that since the day that temporarily we had to withdraw our mission and the missionary labour from the interior of Mexico, I found upon a recent visit there that the

*Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, at the sixth session of the General Conference, October 5th, 1924, by Elder Rey L. Pratt, President of the Mexican Mission, recently sustained to fill the vacancy in the Council of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy caused by the death of President Seymour B. Young.

mission is now in better condition than it has been since that withdrawal. Our missionaries are free to go and come in every part of that country to which we have been able to extend our mission work and we are not persecuted, we are not harassed in our labours, but freely we are permitted to go forth among the people and teach the principles of the Gospel, and many are being brought to a knowledge of the truth. We have listened to reports of the missionary work that is being done in the East and in the West, and in the North, and now I report to you the work that is being done in the Southern part of our country, and also in the great republic that lies to the south of us, among the people who are descendants of father Lehi, known as Lamanites; and I rejoice, my brethren and sisters, that the day has come when the Gospel has been brought to them. I rejoice more, each day of my life, in the fact that the Lord has brought forth their record and that we know who they are, and that they are not in darkness as to their origin, and that He has given a mighty promise of redemption unto those people who are of His covenant, whom He loves; and that, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ which has been restored to us.

Not many days ago, in the city of Mexico, one of our Elders came to me and said of a certain man who was at one time an educator in Salt Lake City, and who is now excavating in the ruins that are being unearthed under the great lava flow that has come down from the volcano of Ajusco, and who is delving into the antiquities of Mexico, that in conversation with our Elder he said: "Young man, I have not yet proved that the Mexican people or the Indians of America did not come to this country from Jerusalem. I have not proved that they are not Israelites."

My brethren and sisters, since the day the Book of Mormon came forth, men inspired from no good source have sought to overthrow the Lord's work, they have sought to bring to naught His purposes; they have sought to make out that Joseph Smith was a fallen prophet; they have ridiculed the Book of Mormon and its contents, and that is going on even yet to-day. And this man insinuated to our young missionary that although he had not yet proved that the Lamanites are not of Israel, he hoped some day that he would be able to do so. If you will read First Nephi 15, you will read there that the Lord revealed to His prophets and to us, through this book, that the Lamanites are of Israel, and if you will read in Second Nephi 30, you will find that the Lord revealed that this book should be restored unto the Gentile people, and that many should believe the words of the book that should be written, and that it should be taken back to the descendants of those who wrote it, and by that means they should come to a knowledge of the fact that they are of Israel, that they are of the covenant people of the Lord. And I

tell you that nothing in all this wide world will ever disprove that fact, and everything that has been uncovered in the great excavations that have been made in that land to the south of us tends rather to confirm the fact, than to bring anything to bear that would deny the fact that this is the truth. And so it is, my brethren and sisters, with everything that has been brought forth in this day and age in which we live concerning the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is true; ridicule, denial, and persecution will not disprove the truthfulness of the Gospel that has been restored to us. I feel it more keenly to-day than ever in my life. I rejoice in the fact that the Elders who come into the field, and the lady missionaries, the few that come into our field, are imbued with this spirit. They come with faith, they come with a desire to serve, and they come with a strong testimony that the restored Gospel is true, and although men ridicule them and ridicule their teachings, they become stronger in their faith and stronger in their testimony, and the spirit of the Gospel permeates their teachings, and many are being gathered out from among the people of the world, by believing these wonderful testimonies and messages that are being preached in the world.

I rejoice to be able to report to you that the health of the missionaries in our field is good, and that we enjoy our labours in every sense of the word. It has been said to us, in this conference, my brethren and sisters, that we, among the Gentile nations, who have been gathered out by the Gospel, are of Israel, that we are descendants of Joseph, through Ephraim his son; this is true. I rejoice in this fact, that we have in the country where we labour, and in Central America, farther south, and in South America, in all those great countries, blood relatives of ours; for all of those people, I bear you my testimony, are likewise of Joseph of the House of Israel. They are of Manasseh, likewise of Ephraim, for there is a sprinkling of that blood also in the Lamanite race that inhabits America to the south of us. We have heard that the lands of North and South America are the lands of Zion. Therefore, I contend that whatever we do, whether it be here, among those of us who are gathered out, one of a city and two of a family, or whether it be there, where there are nations of the blood of Israel—wherever we labour for their redemption, we are labouring for the establishment and redemption of Zion.

I pray that the blessings of the Lord may go with us, as I pray that they may go with the missionaries who go to all the nations of the earth; and I beg of you, my brethren and sisters, have compassion and sympathy for the down-trodden children of our Father in Heaven who are in those lands. They are labouring under a curse pronounced upon their fathers because of their iniquity; but I rejoice not in that phase of it, but in the fact that the Lord has promised that through the establishment of the

Gospel in these latter days, the curse should be removed and they should be redeemed and become again His delightsome people. I look forward to that time with great anticipation, and if the Lord should require it at my hands, I am willing to continue my humble labours the rest of my life in striving to redeem and build up and bring the joy and happiness that only a knowledge of the Gospel can bring to the people of that land.

The Lord bless you, and bless all in His service, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT TALMAGE VISITS CONTINENTAL MISSIONS

Swiss and German Mission

From February 8th until February 25th, the Swiss and German Mission had the privilege of being visited by President James E. Talmage of the European Missions. In every respect his visit was a very significant one. Several important parts of the Mission were reached and words of instruction, counsel and testimony given by him as well as by President Fred Tadje of the Swiss and German Mission. The advice given on this tour will prove to be of great importance to all the members and friends who had the privilege of attending the various meetings held.

This series of most inspiring conferences began in Berne, the capital of Switzerland, on February 8th. In each of the three meetings held that Sunday, and also in the missionary meeting held on the following day, the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a very large degree. Very successful and well attended meetings were also held during the week in Zurich and Basel.

President Talmage, in company of President Tadje, then visited parts of the French Mission, holding a conference in Lausanne on February 15th. From Lausanne, both Presidents left for a tour of visitation to some of the important fields of labour in Germany. Dresden, Chemnitz, Leipzig, Berlin and Stettin were visited.

Each of the meetings held surpassed the expectations of the visitors. Due to the faithful and combined efforts of missionaries and members, large crowds of investigators were in attendance at the various sessions held. It was an inspiring sight to see the halls filled to overflowing, many having to stand in the aisles in order to listen to the message the missionaries had to present. The feeling of true brotherly love and happiness, which the members manifested, added to the inspiration of the occasion.

The spirit of investigation was shown by the friends of the cause of truth who were present at the large gatherings. Perfect order prevailed, and the spirit of tolerance, respect and courtesy was shown at all times. Not one of the sessions during the memorable trip was disturbed by any disagreeable element.

It would take considerable space to mention the many characteristic and distinctive features connected with this most inspiring series of meetings. Each meeting strengthened the testimony of the members that the cause with which they are identified is in very truth the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was a sonree of particular inspiration to meet with many of the traveling Elders of the Mission. They are doing a splendid work, the excellent eondition of the branches and the conferences giving evidenee of their diligence and faithfulness.

The conference in Berlin, on February 22nd, which may well be considered the most outstanding event of this missionary trip, deserves special mention. On this Sunday, close to one thousand people were present in each of the three main meetings. The opening exercises of the Sunday morning session were carried out in exact accordance with the instructions of the General Board. This fact alone shows the efficiency of the Superintendencies of the various Sunday Schools in Berlin. The excellent programr rendered by pupils of these Sunday Schools was a further evidence of the high standard the Berlin organisations are keeping. All the numbers of this inspiring program were harmoniously centered around the one great thought of thankfulness. By song and story, it was shown that only the truly grateful ean be happy.

The spirit of toleranee, the freedom of conscience and the liberty of religious worship, now existent in Germany, was shown by the fact that the meetings were held in the City Hall, the large and magnificent administration building of the city of Berlin.

All these present-day conditions, compared with those of years ago, when the missionaries had to hide before the police, when the Latter-day Saints were not allowed to hold large public meetings, show the remarkable change that has been wrought in this mission field. It is gratifying to notiee that the members have been growing in the Gospel as the old conditions have changed. Everywhere upon this visit, could be seen members happy, beyond their ability to express, for the blessing of the Gospel message that has come into their lives.

Excellent work is being done in the various auxiliary organisations and in the choirs. Men and women of talent give their time and devote their efforts to the upbuilding of the Church in this part of the vineyard.

The mission, its missionaries, members and also its earnest investigators have been benefited, more than lies in their power to express, by the visit of President Talmage. His words of counsel, his burning testimony of the divinity of Christ, his wonderful way of explaining the truth of the restored Gospel, has helped them all. With eagerness do the members and the missionaries look forward to another visit. His trip to Switzerland and Germany, in spite of its shortness, is one of the

important events in the history of the mission, and the good influence of his visit will be felt ever after.

JEAN WUNDERLICH, Associate-Editor of *Der Stern*.

THE DANISH MISSION

PRESIDENT JAMES E. TALMAGE arrived at Copenhagen, Thursday evening, February 26th, from Berlin, for the purpose of visiting the Danish Mission. In company with President John S. Hansen of the Danish Mission, he travelled to Aarhus, Jylland, where a public meeting was held Friday evening. The hall was filled with members and friends, and President Talmage and President Hansen addressed the meeting. After the meeting a baptism was performed by Elder W. L. Jensen from Esbjerg.

On the 28th, a missionary conference and reunion was held in Aarhus, at which all the traveling Elders labouring in the Mission, twenty-three in all, were present. Three meetings were held during the day, each of about two and a half hours' duration. The missionaries were asked to express their feelings, to explain their methods of work, to report their problems and difficulties, and to offer suggestions for improvements. An excellent feeling prevailed; it was evident that a good work is being carried on in Denmark. In an inspired talk to the Elders, President Talmage gave many valuable instructions and comments.

Sunday morning, President Talmage and the Copenhagen Elders returned to Copenhagen, where Sunday School was held at 10:30. All the officers and teachers were present at the officers meeting. In honour of President Talmage the school did not separate for class work, but the children presented a short program consisting of songs, recitations, readings and musical numbers. The splendid response from the children, as well as the many testimonies in the fast meeting right after Sunday School, gave President Talmage a favorable impression of the spiritual condition in the branch.

Sunday evening, many strangers were present and President Talmage spoke upon the necessity of a true conception of God and the need of revelation. In all the meetings President Hansen acted as interpreter for President Talmage.

Monday evening, the usual branch officers meeting was held, at which ninety-two per cent. of the officers and teachers were present. Three were absent on account of sickness. President Talmage spoke to the officers about the glorious work in which they are engaged and the blessings following a faithful performance of the duties assigned—be those duties great or small.

Tuesday, President Talmage left for Sweden. With joyful anticipation the Danish Mission looks forward to his next visit.

JOHN S. HANSEN, Mission President.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH MISSION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1924

Conferences	Conference Presidents	Missionaries					Local Priesthood					Members	Children under 8 years old	Total No. of Souls	Baptized	Excommunicated	Died	Answered Calls While Tracting	Invitations In While Tracting	Gospel Conversations	Tracts Distributed	Pamphlets Distributed	Copies of the Book of Mormon Distributed	Other Standard Church Works Distributed	Meetings Held
		Apostle	H. Priests	Seventies	Elders	Ladies	H Priests	Elders	Priests	Teachers	Deacons														
Birmingham	J. E. Tillotson				12			20	21	9	38	450	65	603	57		10	31680	254	5370	215998	2743	43	13	858
Bristol	Don Clyde				9			6	5	1	3	97	29	141	12		4	24072	35	2777	113849	1358	13	11	340
Free State	B. R. Birchall				3			8	1	1	5	23	8	46				40327	20	1068	23033	248	3	2	226
Hull	Kenneth A. Brady			4	7			10	6	8	22	234	34	314	9		4	21450	402	7186	145784	980	38	30	569
Leeds	John E. Wahlquist		1		12			17	16	15	32	479	65	624	25		8	42744	99	8630	186030	909	11	3	559
Liverpool	S. J. Nebeker			3	9			8	26	8	33	496	47	618	55	8	10	39749	111	5839	130471	2750	32	54	675
London	Emerson C. Willey		2	2	6		1	33	23	13	26	479	72	647	25		6	22783	59	5985	106426	1199	24	19	704
Manchester	R. D. McGregor			1	8	1		17	22	4	19	352	43	457	19		3	11639	82	9441	128008	953	5	12	623
Newcastle	W. A. Monson				10			15	20	9	40	417	90	591	13		5	8010	32	3612	199470	886	45	14	689
Norwich	James D. Moyle				8			8	12	4	4	121	18	167	6		1	14445	25	5611	71774	1343	9	6	325
Nottingham	C. E. Pettersson			2	8			28	14	15	29	343	63	492	21		3	28208	41	4321	80291	471	3	9	377
Scottish	Wallace R. Budge				11			10	16	5	24	206	46	307	6		3	30603	209	5215	111127	5920	47	31	675
Sheffield	O. D. Merrill				11			13	17	7	27	284	46	394	34	1	3	39578	91	5093	133828	8501	9	2	390
Ulster	R. C. Capener		1	1	3	1		2	4	1	4	119	17	147	2	1	1	14730	136	3129	52154	1028	11	9	217
Welsh	Lewis F. Hansen			2	7			8	8	2	5	91	8	122	8		2	27997	73	4886	56145	2341	5	1	111
L'pool Office		1			4	1																			
	Totals	1	4	15	128	3	1	203	211	102	311	4191	651	5670	282	10	63	398015	1669	78163	1754388	31630	298	216	7338

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JAMES E. TALMAGE, Editor

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EDITORIAL

READ, MARK, LEARN

"SEARCH the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."—John 5:39.

This combined counsel and admonition was uttered by the Lord Jesus Christ; and it is as truly applicable to all seekers after truth to-day as it was to the Jews to whom it was personally spoken.

In Sacred Writ we find directions as to ways and means by which salvation is to be attained, and the conditions upon which the supreme blessing of exaltation and eternal life is assured. The Scriptures are the historical record of the Gospel; without them both men and nations would shrivel up spiritually and literally dwindle into and in unbelief. An instance of dread reality in this respect appears in the state of spiritual poverty, appalling ignorance and darkmindedness, by which the race was enveloped during the black night of the apostasy, which set in soon after the close of the apostolic ministry of old and continued down to the early part of the nineteenth century.

During that period of gloom and doom the Scriptures were kept away from the people, under the Satanic fallacy that common folk were unable to comprehend the Word of God, except as it was interpreted for them by man-made priests and teachers, whose business it was "to preach for hire and divine for money." This state of decline in spirituality had become so general that near the middle of the sixteenth century the then newly-created Church of England made solemn declaration of the awful fact in this wise:

"So that laity and clergy, learned and unlearned, all ages, sects, and degrees of men, women, and children of whole Christendom—an horrible and most dreadful thing to think—have been at once drowned in abominable idolatry; of all other vices most detested of God, and most damnable to man; and that by the space of eight hundred years and more."

This avowal appears in an official publication, the *Book of Homilies*, which has remained in force since the time of its first issuance and is to-day "Appointed to be read in churches." The condition of rank ungodliness, so positively proclaimed, was

brought about in great measure by the unscriptural teachings and unauthorised practices of a self-constituted hierarchy, calling itself the church, but wholly corrupt as judged by the standard of the Primitive Church, which was established by the Lord during His personal ministry and was built up by His Apostles.

One of the most grievous sins, among the many that lie at the door of the apostate church, was that through its usurped and despotic control the people were denied access to the Holy Scriptures, and were thus rendered incapable of independent thought and action on matters of religion. Small wonder is there that all rational conception of the nature, attributes and will of the true and living God was lost, or that men were left to grope in darkness almost without hope of rescue or relief.

But even during this period of declension the Lord was not entirely without representatives among men. A few there were who rose in response to the energising influences of Divine inspiration, and strove to break the cruel serfdom of their fellows by putting within their reach the Scriptures in readable form. To-day we rejoice in having the Scriptures of easy access to all who would read. Their importance to us lies in the testimony or witness they bear to the divinity of Jesus Christ; and this fact was emphasised by the Lord in personal utterance, as already instanced.

Further illustration is found in the instructions imparted by the Resurrected Christ to the two devout disciples with whom He conversed as they journeyed together along the country road on the day of His rising from the dead. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." That same night, at Jerusalem, the Lord manifested Himself to the Apostles and others, "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

The great worth of Scripture is forcefully set forth in an early chapter of the Book of Mormon, with reference to the sacred records in possession of Laban the Hebrew. These records were to be taken by Lehi and his colony to the Western Continent; and a life was sacrificed in securing them. The Spirit spoke unto Nephi, who was especially commissioned to get possession of the records, saying: "It is better that one man should perish than that a nation should dwindle and perish in unbelief." The Lord foresaw that without the records of Divine dealings with men in times then past, and the inspired predictions concerning the mission of the Redeemer, the Nephite nation would be cradled in ignorance, and would grow in unbelief, thus from its birth being rendered unfit to receive the additional revelations regarding the Christ which were to be given.

But how does it profit us to have the Scriptures in our homes if we fail to read and study them? The mere possession of books gives no knowledge of their contents. Earnest and effective Scripture reading bears close analogy to prayer, and in another sense is its counterpart. It has been said that when we pray we talk to the Lord, and that when we read the Scriptures the Lord talks to us.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3: 16, 17).—J. E. T.

MINUTES OF THE NORWICH CONFERENCE

The Norwich annual conference was held in the Norwich chapel on Sunday, the 1st inst. There were in attendance Elders Harvey H. Glade and Kenneth F. Schade and Sister May Booth Talmage from Liverpool, President James D. Moyle, and all the traveling Elders of the Norwich Conference. The meetings were presided over by Elder Glade and conducted by President Moyle.

The Sunday School session convened after preliminary music by Sister Violet Shepherd. The theme of the program was "The Mormon Doctrine of Deity." The songs and recitations dealt with the glory of God and His work on earth. A court was held, in which representatives from the various branches took part. One, representing the world, charged the Latter-day Saints with teaching a doctrine contrary to the beliefs of the world. John the Baptist, Stephen, Peter, James, John, Joseph Smith and other special eye witnesses were brought forth. They testified their belief in God, the Eternal Father, in His Son, Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost as being three distinct beings; the Father and the Son having body, parts and spiritual passions, and the Holy Ghost a personage of spirit.

Sister Talmage, the first speaker, related incidents from her mother's life and pointed out the opportunities the children have in studying the Gospel now instead of having to wait until they are grown up, as did her mother. She also explicated the appearance of the Saviour on the American continent.

Elder Harvey H. Glade, the concluding speaker, outlined very clearly the conditions surrounding the first sacrament. By interesting stories, he explained that obedience is indispensable in gaining both spiritual and temporal salvation.

At the officers and teachers meeting the several branches reported marked improvement in every line of activity. The great increase in attendance has stimulated new life and vitality among the members. Elder Glade gave many timely instructions.

The afternoon session commenced with preliminary music by

Sister Edith Ninham. The general authorities and the mission and conference officers were presented and unanimously sustained.

The first speaker, Elder Rulon L. Russon, illustrated that communication between God and man has existed through all the ages while His authorised servants were upon the earth. He cited God's direct communication with Adam, His specific revelation to Abraham and the accomplishments of Noah and Moses under His personal direction.

Elder Clifford D. Gough stated that the greatest happiness in life is obtained through service. He related how he had gained a personal satisfaction through his services in the mission field.

Elder Dean A. Barker declared that the only means whereby man may gain the knowledge of God necessary to salvation is by revelation.

Elder Ben E. Summers emphatically stated that baptism is essential to salvation and must be accepted by the living and be done vicariously for those who have passed this mortal existence without meeting the requirement. He further stated that it is the exclusive privilege of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to carry out this work.

Elder Maurice R. Barnes forcibly declared the Book of Mormon to be a new witness for God. He pointed out several passages contained therein which verify similar statements in the Bible.

Elder Walter F. Whitehead bore a very earnest and impressive testimony of this latter-day work. He said that each Latter-day Saint is entitled to a personal testimony for comfort and guidance.

The concluding speaker of the session, Elder Selvoy J. Boyer, said that the main reason the Latter-day Saints are persecuted is because they have broken away from the traditions of the world and are guided by God. He added that the main accusation against the Christ was that He broke away from the traditions of Judaism.

Immediately after the afternoon session Sister Talmage met with the Relief Society officers and teachers. The various branch officers reported the activities of the societies. Sister Talmage outlined the work the Relief Society should accomplish and the great proportions to which it may grow.

The evening session of the conference was very well attended and a good spirit prevailed. During the session sacred solos were rendered by Miss Tuxford and Sister Violet Shepherd.

President Moyle, the first speaker, pointed out the benefits derived from attending the conferences of the Church. He exemplified the great things that can be obtained by prayer, giving as an example of sincere prayer, the account of the Canaanite woman who petitioned the Saviour to cast the devil from her daughter.

Sister Talmage illustrated the fallacy of the statement, "Let

the 'Mormons' alone and in two or three generations they will die out," by relating the effects of the teachings of the Church upon four generations of Latter-day Saints within her knowledge.

Elder Kenneth F. Schade attributed a great deal of the unrest in Russia to the fact that many people there have denied the existence of a living God. This condition is not extant in Russia alone, but may be found in every nation on the earth. Without faith in a true and living God, he said, it is impossible for the children of men to succeed, but if they will repent and acknowledge God as their Master, He in turn will accept them as the father accepted the prodigal son.

Elder Harvey H. Glade, the concluding speaker of the conference, cited examples of people in the world who expect blessings but because of lack of righteous works are not worthy recipients of them. He emphasised pure religion, as quoted by James 1: 27, and explained that every individual can adapt these principles to his life.

WALTER F. WHITEHEAD, Conference Clerk.

THE ROCK OF THE CHURCH

J. DICKINSON (Newcastle Conference)

VAST numbers of people have asked the question: What did our Lord mean by the phrase, "Upon this rock," when He said: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." But very few, even to-day, have received a satisfactory answer. There are three interpretations that are worth noting. The most general is the claim of the Catholic Church that Peter is that rock, because his name signifies a stone or rock. The second is the claim of the Protestants, who say that the rock is the fundamental truth, which had been revealed to Peter, that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." The third interpretation is given by the Latter-day Saints and is that the "rock" is revelation.

It will be evident to everyone that only one of these interpretations can be correct, and it will also be obvious, notwithstanding what the ministers say about living the spirit of the gospel as being the only sure foundation, that those churches that are not built on the rock are not His church, but are built on sand and "great will be the fall thereof." Therefore, it is very important that we should know which is the true interpretation.

This can be known by the condition that the Saviour said would follow from being built on the rock. That is that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Everyone will admit that the "gates

of hell" are error and evil, and the churches against which these prevail are not built on the rock. The question before us now is: "Could Peter or his successors, or the truth made known to him prevent error and evil from entering and continuing in the church?" The answer must be that no sinful and fallible man, neither the fundamental truth to which he gave expression could hinder an individual or a church from falling into error and evil. The only method by which that could be accomplished is by revelation, direct from heaven. As one writer has clearly put it: "This brings God into it, actively directing and controlling every movement, removing every doubt, defining every duty and vanquishing every foe. It enthrones Him as the mind of the church. It clothes her with the wisdom of God, and prepares her for every emergency. Thus all may see that perpetual revelation in the church is a rock against which hell cannot prevail." Then, as a matter of fact, we find that one great colossal and indisputable error has prevailed amongst Protestants and Catholics alike—that of taking the honour of the Priesthood without being called as was Aaron.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Departure—Elder Harvey H. Glade, honourably released from his labours in the Liverpool office, sailed for his home, Friday, the 13th inst., per s.s. *Montcalm*.

Releases—The following missionaries have been honorably released from their labours in the British Mission, to return to their homes:

Emerson C. Willey, President of the London Conference.
Wallace R. Budge, President of the Scottish Conference.

Appointments of Conference Presidents—The following appointments of conference presidents have been made:

Carl E. Pettersson, President of the London Conference.
Junius S. Romney, President of the Scottish Conference.
Boyd H. Ririe, President of the Nottingham Conference.
Rulon W. Openshaw, President of the Liverpool Conference.
Ernest J. Johnson, President of the Leeds Conference.

Transfers of Traveling Elders—The following transfers of missionaries have been made:

Clyde R. Service, the Scottish to the Sheffield Conference.
John H. Wilson, the Sheffield to the Scottish Conference.
Thomas O. Smith, the Bristol to the London Conference.
Dan A. Hickman, the Birmingham to the London Conference.
Samuel C. P. Martin, the Hull to the London Conference.
John H. Tanner, the Leeds to the London Conference.

Parley A. Peterson, the Leeds to the Liverpool Conference.
Clandius D. Wheeler, the Newcastle to the Welsh Conference.
Maud E. Johnson, the Manchester to the Leeds Conference.

Meeting of Traveling Elders—The monthly meeting of the traveling Elders of the Birmingham Conference convened at Handsworth on the 7th inst. Reports of progress were heard and methods for fostering further improvement were discussed. Elders David H. Newman and Dan A. Hickman each delivered commendable talks, their subjects being, "The Holy Ghost" and "The Traveling Elder as an Example," respectively.

Union Meeting—The monthly mion meeting of the officers and teachers of the Birmingham Conference convened at Handsworth on the 7th inst. Branch presidents, in reporting the varions branches, related specific incidents that afford encouragement for growth in the branches. President Joseph E. Tillotson stressed the coming branch and conference meetings. He pointed out that the success of the sessions depends upon each member's being a missionary.

Arrivals and Appointments—The following missionaries for the British Mission arrived in Liverpool, Saturday, the 7th inst., per s.s. *Montcalm*, and have been assigned as follows:

William G. Bennett, Kimball, Alberta, to the Liverpool Conference.

Grant M. Broadhead, Beazer, Alberta, to the Nottingham Conference.

Glenn E. Nielson, Cardston, Alberta, to the Manchester Conference.

James F. Wood, Cardston, Alberta, to the Hull Conference.

Branch Conferences—The annual conference of the Bradford Branch (Leeds Conference) convened on the 1st inst. Three well-attended sessions were held, Elder John H. Tanner presiding, and Elder Orlando J. Condie conducting the services. During the Sunday School session, the members rendered a program on the theme, "Obedience." The speakers of the day were Elders Ezra L. Nichols, Don J. Thurgood, Orlando J. Condie and John H. Tanner.

The Coventry Branch (Birmingham Conference) held its branch conference on the 8th inst., at the home of Brother George E. Hunter. President Joseph E. Tillotson presided and Brother Hunter conducted. An excellent program was rendered in the Sunday School session. The speakers of the day were President Tillotson and Elders Dan A. Hickman, Alvah N. Stont and Joseph L. Muirbrook.

The annual conference of the Clayton Branch (Leeds Conference)

convened on the 8th inst., with Elder John H. Tanner presiding. In the Sunday School session, the members rendered a program on the theme, "The Fourth Article of Faith." The speakers of the day were Brother Stanley W. Robertshaw and Elders John H. Tanner, Orlando J. Condie and Don J. Thurgood.

The annual conference of the Nottingham Branch was held on the 8th inst. Brother Samuel Hawson conducted the Sunday School and Brother Joseph Robinson the evening session. The speakers of the day were President Carl E. Pettersson and Elders John W. Crofts, Arthur L. Fuller, George O. Gee and Grant M. Broadhead.

The Askern Branch (Sheffield Conference) held its annual conference on the 8th inst. The theme of the Sunday School program was "The Restoration and Establishment of the Gospel." The speakers of the day were President O. David Merrill and Elders Henry D. Bradford and Albert G. Stanger.

Socials—A social was held in the Leicester Branch (Nottingham Conference) on the 21st ult. An interesting program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

On the 2nd inst., the Relief Society of the Belfast Branch (Ulster Conference) held a birthday surprise party in honour of Elder George A. Baker. A pleasing program was rendered and refreshments were served. President Russell C. Capener and Elders Ernest C. Moore and Robert Sonter were in attendance.

The Bristol Branch held a successful social on the 26th ult. A well-arranged program, coupled with appropriate games, contributed to the success of the gathering. Refreshments were served. In attendance were Elders Thomas O. Smith and Reed M. Ogden.

The Sunday School of the Bradford Branch (Leeds Conference) held a successful concert on the 28th ult. Novelty numbers, original sketches, songs and recitations were rendered. During the evening, refreshments were sold. Many members and friends and several traveling Elders were in attendance.

On the 3rd inst., the Handsworth Relief Society (Birmingham Conference) held a farewell social in honour of Sister Margaret Davis and her daughters, prior to their departure for New Zealand. A number of members and friends and Elders Lester D. Hovey and David H. Newman were in attendance.

On the 7th inst., a farewell social was held by the Pudsey Branch (Leeds Conference) in honour of Brother and Sister Simeon Stead and family, prior to their departure for America. A large number of friends were present. The guests of honour were presented with a token of remembrance by members of the branch. An interesting program of many delightful songs and recitations was rendered.

The Liverpool and the Birkenhead Branch gave a farewell social

on the 11th inst., in honour of Elder Harvey H. Glade who has been honourably released to return to his home. A delightful program was rendered and refreshments were served. As a token of appreciation and love, the members of the branches presented Elder Glade with a luncheon cloth.

JOY AND SORROW

In a garden a rose bush grew,
And when the summer came
It put forth flowers of lovely hue,
And so it gained a name.

A little girl was playing near,
And saw the bloom so fair;
"I'll take some to my mother dear,
And pin them in her hair."

She plucks a rose this dewy morn,
She looks—her bosom heaves,
She sees the blood—she's found the thorn
Concealed beneath the leaves.

And so are closely linked on earth
The gladness and the pain;
Accept them both, for they give birth
To what will bring us gain.

The joy gives to our lives a glow
Of heavenly melody;
The sorrow makes our hearts o'erflow
With loving sympathy.

And we are filled with gratitude
To God—who knows what's best;
"Thy will be done" our attitude,
Herein lies perfect rest.

Mary E. Sanders.

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